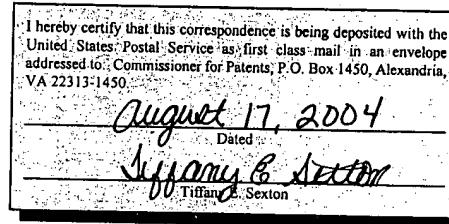


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Respectfully submitted,

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In addition, Applicants submitted a first Status Inquiry on August 17, 2004, copy enclosed, and requested to be made aware of the status of the afore-mentioned Communication, however, no notification was ever received by Applicant in connection with the first Status Inquiry. Therefore, Applicant submits this Second Status Inquiry. Applicants again respectfully request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office issue a Response to the afore-mentioned Communication or contact the undersigned via telephone number (312) 704-1890 or via facsimile number (312) 704-8023.

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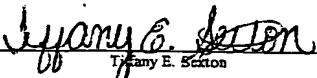
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Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 17, 2004 for the above-designated application. Applicants request to be advised of the following:

1. The Notice of Allowance did not indicate that the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 10, 2002, copy enclosed as Exhibit A, was entered. A copy of the return post card is attached in Exhibit A indicating that the Preliminary Amendment was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants request to be advised if this Preliminary Amendment was entered.

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2. The Notice of Allowance did not enclose the initialed Form PTO-1449 for the timely submitted Information Disclosure Statement of May 10, 2002, copy enclosed without references as Exhibit B. A copy of the return post card is attached in Exhibit B indicating that the Information Disclosure Statement was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants request to be advised if this Information Disclosure Statement was considered and requests return of the initialed form PTO-1449.

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3. The Notice of Allowance did not enclose the initialed Form PTO-1449 for the timely submitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of September 25, 2002, copy enclosed without references as Exhibit C. A copy of the return post card is attached in Exhibit C indicating that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants request to be advised if this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was considered and requests return of the initialed form PTO-1449.

Applicants note that the Art Unit was incorrectly identified in this documents, however, the Serial Number was correctly identified in each document.

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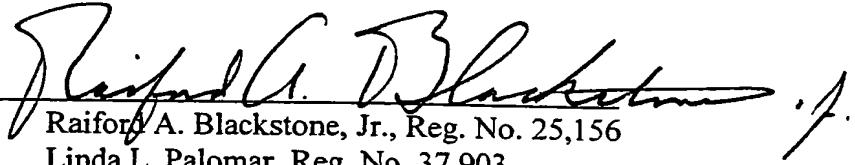
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